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DRAFT OF ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE RUFUS GROUP IN REFERENCE TO THE
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PORTION OF THE OVERALL OPERATION.....

1. Prepare a list of key army officers. With such a list, there should be: (a) Info re his weaknesses; (b) Info re any ill feelings between him and other officers; (c) Any ~~known~~ gossip or rumors indicating the man does not fall into the norm; (d) Their addresses.
2. Attempt to place men in the enlisted and officer ranks in each key military installation for the purpose of assuring the spread of rumors. Such men should also be on the look-out for complaints and spontaneous rumors which can be spread throughout Guatemalas' military forces. All complaints and rumors should carry one theme --- "The Government is letting the Communists rule and the only way to solve all problems is to get rid of the Government and the Communists."
3. RUFUS PW teams will study already present discontent and find means for making it flourish. Special attention should be given to the creating of discontent among the unemployed, peones, laborers, students and enlisted men. Such propaganda should be used sporadically throughout Guatemala with special attention to towns where army garrisons are located, however, propaganda should not get so intense that the officers will get unduly nervous. This can be done through individually targeted propaganda such as letters or rumors. Headquarters requests RUFUS plans the spread discontent as soon as possible plus samples of any propaganda prepared to do the job.
4. Prepare a letter which will be sent to selected key army officers that the Guatemalan Government does not trust them. The letter will claim that certain Communist politicians and labor leaders have recieved arms. Prepare another letter-to be mailed later - which cites where and to whom arms have been delivered & invites covert investigation on the part of the officers to prove that they have been betrayed. This should be followed-up by rumors indicating more drastic future actions against the army by the Communists. If RUFUS learns of any indignation or unhappiness on the part of the target officers --- an attempt at subversion should be made. (All such action will be reported immediately to Hq)
- ~~5. Prepare a list of names and addresses of army officers~~
5. Prepare an alledged "Communist Plan for the Overthrowal of the Guatemalan Government" --- complete with dates, names and places. It must look absolutely authentic, if letterheads are needed Hq can prepare them if samples are available. A draft should be sent Hq. as soon as possible.

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